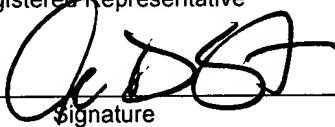


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**FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by

the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

No.	Date	Name
5,858,515	1/1999	Stokes et al.

**FOREIGN DOCUMENTS**

DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	COUNTRY
EP 0 570 980	11/1993	Europe
WO 00 20208	4/2000	WIPO

Pursuant to the undersigned attorney's obligation and duties under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.98(a)(3) and (c), an English abstract for the European Patent No. EP0570980, which is not in English, is included for the express purpose of providing a concise explanation of the reference to the Patent and Trademark Office with the opportunity to evaluate the same.

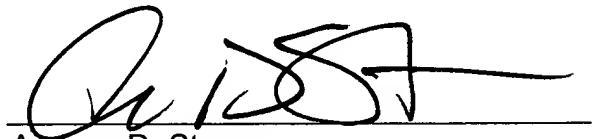
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Respectfully submitted,

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	E2	EP 0 570 980	11/1993	Europe		Yes (abs.)
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